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2 1. A method of allocating a portfolio investment among a population of securities
3 held in an investment portfolio, each security of said population of securities is issued by a
4 company of a plurality of companies, said each security having at least one corresponding
5 data element, said method comprising the steps of:

6 (a) assigning said each security to a corresponding industry group of a
7 plurality of industry groups;

8 (b) summing said one corresponding data element of each of said securities
9 assigned to said corresponding industry group to provide an industry total for said
10 corresponding industry group;

11 (c) summing said industry total of each of said plurality of industry groups
12 to provide said portfolio investment; and

13 (d) distributing one investment portion of said portfolio investment to at
14 least one or more of said plurality of industry groups.

15 sub A⁷ 2. The method of claim 1, wherein there is further included the step of updating
16 at least some of said population of securities on a periodic cycle.

17 3. The method of claim 2, wherein said updating step updates all of said
18 population of securities on a fixed cycle.

19 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said updating step updates the securities of
20 each of said plurality of industry groups on a periodic cycle.

21 5. The method of claim 4, wherein each industry group is updated on a different
22 periodic cycle.

23 6. The method of claim 2, wherein said plurality of securities are subdivided into
24 a plurality of editions.

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7. The method of claim 6, wherein each edition of said plurality is updated on a cycle that is staggered from the cycles of the other editions of said plurality.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein each cycle is of the same length.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein said one investment portion of said corresponding industry group is equal to a proportion of said industry total of said corresponding industry group to said portfolio investment.

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10. The method of claim 9, wherein said step of distributing distributes said one investment portion among a selected one or more of said securities of said corresponding industry group.

11. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of selecting at least one security of said securities assigned to said corresponding industry group that has the largest data element of said securities assigned to said corresponding industry group.

12. The method of claim 11, further comprising a step of allocating a plurality of parts of said one investment portion of said corresponding industry group to two or more of said securities of said corresponding industry group having the largest data elements.

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13. The method of claim 12, further comprising a step of ranking said securities of said corresponding industry group according to the magnitude of their data elements.

14. The method of claim 9, wherein there is included a step of limiting said one investment portion to one security of said corresponding industry group to not exceed a set amount.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein said set limit is set as a second proportion of said fund total.

16. The method of claim 12, wherein there is included a step of limiting one part of said plurality of parts of said one investment portion to not exceed a set amount.

1 Sub A⁹ 17. The method of claim 16, wherein said set amount is set as a second proportion
2 of said fund total.

3 18. The method of claim 17, wherein said second proportion is 2.25%.

4 19. The method of claim 12, wherein there is included a step of comparing said
5 one part to said set amount and, if less than or equal to said set amount, said one part is set
6 equal to said set amount.

7 20. The method of claim 19, wherein there is further included a step of ranking at
8 least two of said securities of said corresponding industry group according to the magnitude
9 of their data elements to provide at least first and second ranked securities.

10 21. The method of claim 20, wherein there is further included a step of comparing
11 said first ranked security with said second ranked security and, if said first ranked security is
12 larger than said second ranked security by a certain amount, said allocating step allocates all
13 of said one part to said first ranked security.

14 Sub A¹⁰ 22. The method of claim 21, wherein if said first ranked security is not larger than
15 said second ranked security by said certain amount, said allocating step allocates said one
16 part equally among said first ranked security and said second ranked security.

17 23. The method of claim 16, wherein there is further included a step of setting at
18 least first and second limits as different whole multiples of said set amount respectively.

19 24. The method of claim 23, wherein said second limit is greater than said first
20 limit, and there is further included the step of comparing said investment portion to said first
21 limit and, if greater, setting said first part equal to said set amount and allocating said first
22 part to a first security of said corresponding industry group.

23 25. The method of claim 23, wherein if said investment portion is less than said
24 first limit, setting said first part to less than said set amount and allocating said first part to a
25 first security of said corresponding industry group.

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26. The method of claim 24, wherein if said investment portion is greater than said first limit, comparing said investment portion to said second limit and, if less, setting a second part equal to said set amount and allocating said second part to a second security of said corresponding industry group.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein if said investment portion is greater than said second limit, setting a third part equal to said set amount and allocating said third part to a third security of said corresponding industry group.

28. The method of claim 10, wherein said step of distributing distributes said one investment portion among all of said securities of said corresponding industry group.

29. The method of claim 28, wherein said one investment portion is allocated among all of said securities of said corresponding group proportionally to the magnitudes of each of said data elements of said securities of said corresponding industry group.

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